

REMARKS

Applicants have studied the Office Action dated December 15, 2005 and the advisory action dated March 30, 2006. The Applicants have made amendments to the claims by canceling claims 1-7, without prejudice, and amending independent claim 20 to incorporate the matter of objected claim 23. The Applicants have also amended claims 21-22 to provide proper antecedent basis with respect to amended independent claim 20, from which they depend. No new matter has been added by these amendments. It is submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. By virtue of this amendment, claims 8-22 and 24-26 are pending. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101

The Examiner rejected claims 1-7 and 20-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

The Applicants have cancelled claims 1-7, thereby rendering the rejection of those claims moot.

The Applicants have amended independent claim 20 to incorporate the matter of objected dependent claim 23, which depended from claim 20. The Applicants point out that independent claim 20, as amended, now corresponds to objected claim 23 rewritten in independent form.

The Applicants therefore respectfully assert that the Examiner's rejections have been overcome, and that this application is in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, or the Examiner believes that there are any informalities which can be

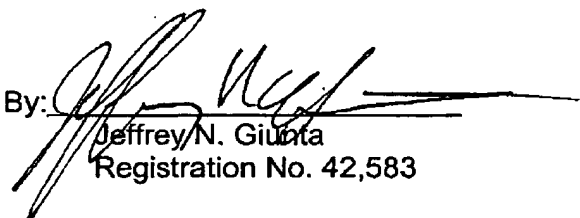
corrected by Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at (561) 989-9811 is respectfully solicited.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. No amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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